

Project: Bremerton Gas Works Site

Project Type: Time Critical Removal Action

Date: October 9 through 18

Oversight Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 Emergency Management Program

Project Description: Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) is working under direction from EPA on the investigation and cleanup of the former Bremerton Gas Works Site (Site). Cascade conducted previous cleanup work at the Site in 2010, and the Site was listed on the National Priorities List in May 2012. Cascade and EPA entered into a Settlement Agreement in May 2013. That agreement requires Cascade to complete early testing activities known as a Removal Evaluation, and to later complete a multi-year cleanup study known as a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS).

The testing activities associated with the Removal Evaluation were completed earlier this summer. After reviewing the results of that testing, EPA instructed Cascade to take certain interim cleanup measures at the Site known as a Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA). These actions are specified in an Action Memorandum issued by EPA on September 30, 2013. Activities to be performed include the removal of localized hydrocarbon deposits from one area of the beach, placement of a cap in that area of the beach, placement of signage at beach access points, and abandonment of upland drainage lines. These activities are to be conducted between October 9 and October 18.

Scoping activities for the RI/FS will be initiated after completion of the TCRA. The RI/FS is expected to require several years to complete. The final cleanup remedy for the site will be determined by EPA after completion of that study and after considering input from the public, local tribes, and affected stakeholders.

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